

2018 Municipal Elections Online Special Report

Local Councillor – Ward 4



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1. What new measures would you bring forth to insure that Halton Hills is an open for business minded community?

Eliminate the perception that Halton Hills is too restrictive to new business. We must be prepared to weigh the advantages of thinking outside the box.

Not every viable proposal will match up with established ideals.

2. How can we attract employers that offer full-time, non-retail jobs to our community?

Offer to defer property / business taxes that would become effective only after the new or relocated business has become operational and begins generating revenue.

3. Please name the most important step the next Town Council can take to support economic growth in Halton Hills.

Council must have a unified objective to alleviate the concerns of our current business leaders. New business entries will form their decisions based on conversations with these established companies.

4. What would you do to control the municipal budget and if you plan any cuts where would they be?

Secure the commitment of new business to operate in Halton Hills, while actively promoting and supporting our current business neighbours. An enhanced business presence will provide a better balance of the tax burden and, ultimately, stability to our municipal budgets.

Any cuts would require thorough investigation and discussion. I could not support knee jerk reactions to proposed budget cuts.

5. What are your views on “Places to grow” give us your opinion on what issues good and bad may arise with this type of growth and how would you approach these issues?

Many people that I have spoken with share my opinion that the province should not be autocratic on the growth rate of our town.

As a result of the Province’s Golden Horseshow Growth mandate, Halton Hills must create additional homes and employment.

Within this directive, Halton Hills must ensure that this growth completely fits the needs and capabilities of our town.

Vision Georgetown has provided an opportunity to fulfill our mandate while still allowing for further reviews before final approval.

6. Some of our members are struggling to get both entry level and skilled workers. How would you attract and retain a strong and vibrant workforce in Halton Hills?

Halton Hills is unique with our two primary communities located 10 km apart. But, on this issue, we are not so different from others in the GTA.

Affordable housing is a challenge. The cost of real estate is systemic of the exaggerated pricing that is the City of Toronto. Public transportation is a hot potato topic with seriously conflicting viewpoints.

I consider this a priority for the new council to meet with our business community. All ideas must come to the table with a collaborative solution as the primary objective.
